(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to make an upto date list of the voters for the Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to issue identity cards to the voters;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the voters who are transferred from one place to another are not enrolled in the voters list at the place of transfer; and

(f) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The Election commission had ordered sumary revision of electeral rolls in all States and Union territories with 1.1.1992 as the qualifying date, excepting the districts of Uttar Kashi, Tehri Gerhwal and Chamoli in Uttar Pradesh which were affected by the recent earth quake. Work relating to summary revision is complete and final publication of rolls for most of the constituencies is also over.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government is examining the question of issue of identity cards to voters. However, taking into account the large number of voters, expenditure and the administrative steps involved in the operation, introduction of multi-purpose photo identity cards throughout the country is likely to take not less than five years.

(e) and (f). Any voter who has shifted his residence from one costituency to another can apply for inclusion of his name in the electoral roll of the constituency to which he has shifted by making an application at any time to the Electoral Reglastration Officer under the provisions of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

Sale of Janata and Controlled Cloth in Haryana and Gujarat

1812. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA:
SHRI AVTAP SINGH BHADNNA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Janata and Controlled cloth are being sold in Haryana and Gujarat for the last three years;

(b) if so, the agencies through which it is being sold variety-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the irregularities in its sale; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) While both Janata and Controlled cloth are sold in Gujarat, only controlled cloth is sold in Haryana.

(b) Controlled sarees, dhoties, long cloth and polyestercotton cloth produced by the National Textile Corporation (NTC) are sold through the National/state Consumers Cooperative Federation, State Civil Supplies Corporation, Retail outlets of NTC and NTC authorised dealers in Gujarat and Haryana. The handloom janata cloth is distributed through the consumer cooperative societies and Fair Price shops besides own outlets of the implementing agencies in Gujarat. The

janata implementing agencies in Gujarat produce only sarees and dhoties.

(c) and (d). Government has not received any specific complaint regarding irregularities in the sale of janata and controlled cloth in Gujarat and Haryana. The guidelines for implementation of Janata Cloth Scheme was extensively revised, effective from 1st July, 1990, providing for changes which should rectify the weaknesses including distribution arrangements. The revised Guidelines prescribed that each implementing State should form a State Level Implementation Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary/Secretary in-charge of Handlooms with members drawn from Department of Civil Supplies, NGOS, Consumer representatives, other experts etc., to carryout a number of functions including monitoring the performance of production and distribution arrangements.

Effect of Rupee Devaluation

1813. SHIR SIMON MARANDI:
SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the devaluation of Indian rupee in comparison to different foreign currencies since January 1991; and

(b) the effect of the devaluation on the balance of payments, inflation and economy of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Details of variation, in the external value of the rupee *vis-a-vis* major currencies are indicated below:

	July 3, 1991 Dec. 31, 1990	*Feb. 27, 1992 Dec. 31 1990*	*Feb. 27, 1992 July 3, 1991*
	Percentage change Depreciation (-) /Appreciation (+)		
Pound			
Sterling	-17.1	-24.0	-8.3
US Dollar	-30.8	-30.7	0.1
Deutche Mark	-15.4	-23.9	-10.0
Yen	-28.4	-33.1	-6.7
French Franc	-15.7	-23.8	-9.6

The adjustments in the exchange rate of Rupee effected in July 1991 were part of a package of policies aimed at restoring confidence and enhancing the international competitivensess of Indian exports. These measures have had some success. There has been a marked improvement in foreign exchange reserves, with reserves reaching